



## Environmental Assessment Worksheets

*Comments due on August 8, 2001*

### Victory Drive Trunk Sewer, Mankato

Description: The city of Mankato proposes to construct a sanitary sewer extension to service an 850-acre area southeast of the city. The 7,300-foot extension would accommodate annexation for residential development as well as sewer service to existing homes and businesses. The design flow of the proposed sanitary sewer would be 1.25 million gallons per day at full development.

A copy of the Environmental Assessment Worksheet will be posted on the MPCA web site, at the following:  
<http://www.pca.state.mn.us/news/eaw/index.html>

RGU: Minnesota Pollution Control Agency

Contact: Kevin J. Kain, Metro District, Operations and Planning Section, Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, 520 Lafayette Rd., St. Paul, MN 55155; 651-296-7432

### ABOUT THE EQB MONITOR

The *EQB Monitor* is a biweekly publication of the Environmental Quality Board that lists descriptions and deadlines for Environmental Assessment Worksheets, Environmental Impact Statements and other notices.

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## EA Available

### S.P. 6920-37 (TH 53) St. Louis County

Copies of the EA will be available for public review at the Mn/DOT District 1 Office (1123 Mesaba Ave., Duluth, MN), Duluth Public Library (520 W. Superior St., Duluth, MN 55802) along with the, Cook (126 S. River St., Cook, MN 55723), Eveleth (614 Pierce St., Eveleth, MN 55734) and Virginia (215 5th Ave. S., Virginia, MN 55792) public libraries.

To comment on the EA and the proposed project, an open house/public hearing will be held on Wednesday, July 25, 2001 from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. at the Wuori Township Hall, 7449 Werner Rd., Virginia, Minnesota. The hearing will be open house format and will include a formal presentation beginning at 7:00 p.m. Mn/DOT and consultant representatives will be present to answer questions. Layouts, the EA and other documents developed for the project will be available for public review. The public will be able to submit oral or written comments on the project at the hearing, that will become part of the official public hearing record.

RGU Contact: Brian K. Larson, P.E., Project Manager, 1123 Mesaba Ave., Duluth, MN 55811; 218-723-4960

## Petitions Filed

The following petitions have been filed with the EQB requesting preparation of an EAW. The EQB has assigned the indicated unit of governments to review these petitions and decide on the need for an EAW.

- Proposed 50<sup>th</sup> France Avenue T.H. 100 realignment, Minnesota Department of Transportation
- The Ponds, City of Ramsey
- Andrew Drummer Silage facility project, Waseca County Planning and Zoning Office

## EAW Need Decisions

The noted responsible governmental unit has made a decision regarding the need for an EAW in response to a citizen petition.

- Pope County, Reichman feedlot project, petition granted
- Lac qui Parle County Commissioners, Cori Bothun Feedlot, petition denied

## EIS Need Decisions

The responsible governmental units have determined the following projects do not require preparation of an EIS. The dates given are, respectively, the date of the determination and the date the EAW notice was published in the *EQB Monitor*.

- City of Cambridge, Bridgewater Development, June 18, 2001 (April 30, 2001)
- Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, Al-Corn Clean Fuels Plant Expansion, June 19, 2001 (April 30, 2001)
- Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, Minnesota Supreme Feeders, June 26, 2001 (April 2, 2001)
- City of Brooklyn Park, 105<sup>th</sup> Avenue North, June 20, 2001 (May 14, 2001)
- City of Savage, Prior Lake-Savage Senior High School, May 7, 2001 (March 19, 2001)

## Scoping Decision Document Available

The scoping decision document for the proposed improvements to approximately 30.6 km (19.0 miles) of TH 169, between TH 27 north of Onamia and TH 18 in the city of Garrison is available. The project is located within Mille Lacs County and Crow Wing County, Minnesota.

The Minnesota Department of Transportation has prepared this scoping decision document. This document describes the selected three build alternatives and the no build alternative. These alternatives have been renamed to facilitate their presentation and discussion in the draft EIS that Mn/DOT will prepare. The alternatives are described in the scoping decision document on pages four, five and six. The social, economic and environmental issues to be analyzed in the draft EIS are described in the scoping decision document.

The scoping document/draft scoping decision document was circulated in November, 2000. Comments were requested from agencies on the MEQB list, as well as from other interested people, agencies and local units of government. A public scoping meeting was held on December 12, 2000 in Onamia, Minnesota. A summary of the written and oral comments that were received on this project during the scoping period and the Mn/DOT responses are included in appendix A of the scoping decision document.

For information regarding this proposed project, please contact Mr. James Hallgren, Project Manager, Mn/DOT-District 3, 1991 Industrial Park Road, Baxter, MN 56425; 218-828-2773.

## Notice of Intent to Prepare an EIS

### Riverview Corridor Transit Project

The scoping booklet for the Riverview Corridor Transit Project is available.

In accordance with Minnesota Rules, Metro Transit will distribute the scoping booklet to all agencies listed on MEQB and Metro Transit distribution lists, as well as to all interested parties. A press release will be issued to local newspapers along the corridor announcing the availability of the scoping booklet and the public and interagency scoping meetings. The public is invited to comment on the scope of the project at these meetings as well as in writing.

The following two public meetings will be held in the corridor on the following dates:

- Tuesday, July 31, 2001, 6:00 to 8:00 p.m., Metro State University, 700 East 7<sup>th</sup> St., St. Paul, MN 55106
- Wednesday, August 1, 2001, 6:00 to 8:00 p.m., West 7<sup>th</sup> Community Center, 265 Oneida St., St. Paul, MN 55102

An interagency meeting will be held Tuesday, July 31, 2001 from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. at Metro State University, 700 East 7<sup>th</sup> St., St. Paul, MN 55106.

The scoping comment period will remain open until August 13, 2001. Comments may be sent to Molly Grove, Metro Transit, 560 Sixth Ave. N., Minneapolis, MN 55411-4398; 612-349-7533; fax 612-349-7675; email: molly.grove@metc.state.mn.us

## Request for Comments

### Planned Amendments to the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency's Procedural Rules, Minnesota Rules, Parts 7000.9100

**Subject of Rule:** The MPCA requests comments on its planned rule amendments governing the MPCA's procedural rules. The procedural rules contain the procedures and standards of conduct the agency and citizens' board must follow in making decisions. These rules were revised in 1994 and since that time a limited number of circumstances have arisen which have called for a second look at the procedural rules. The role of the MPCA citizens' board, for example, has become defined, necessitating the procedures the board must follow to be more clear and explicit. The MPCA will review the ex parte communication prohibition rule part and possibly add some new language for clarification. In addition, newly enacted legislation relating to the MPCA has made a number of the rules provisions, such as delegations, redundant. The MPCA will propose to delete part of the rule currently ineffective and clarify existing procedures.

**Persons affected:** The rule amendments would likely affect the MPCA citizens' board and commissioner, the public or any person or interested person as described in Minnesota Rules, part 7000.0100.

**Statutory Authority:** Minnesota Statutes, Section 116.07, subdivision 3, authorizes the MPCA to adopt, amend and rescind rules governing its own administration and procedure and its staff and employees.

**Public Comment:** Interested persons or groups may submit comments or information on this planned rule in writing or orally until 4:30 p.m. on August 1, 2001. The MPCA does not contemplate appointing an advisory committee to comment on the planned rule amendments.

**Rule Drafts:** The MPCA is in the process of preparing a draft of the planned rule amendments.

**Agency Contact Person:** Written or oral comments, questions, requests to receive a draft of the rules when it becomes available, and requests for more information on the planned rule amendments should be addressed to: Norma Coleman, MPCA, Policy and Planning Division, 520 Lafayette Rd. N., St. Paul, MN 55155-4194; 651-296-7712; fax 651-297-8676; email: norma.coleman@pca.state.mn.us

**Alternative Format:** Upon request, this request for comments can be made available in an alternative format, such as large print, braille, or cassette tape. To make such a request please contact the agency contact person at the address or telephone number listed above.

**Note:** Comments received in response to this notice will not necessarily be included in the formal rulemaking record when a proceeding to adopt rules is started. The MPCA is required to submit to the judge reviewing the rules only those written comments received in response to the rules after they are formally proposed.

## Draft Comprehensive Conservation Plan Available

### Rydell National Wildlife Refuge

RGU: United States Department of the Interior, Fish and Wildlife Services, Bishop Henry Whipple Federal Building, 1 Federal Drive, Fort Snelling, MN 55111-4056

The purpose of the Comprehensive Conservation Plan is to guide Refuge management decisions over the next 15 years. The intention of the Plan is to provide a clear statement of the desired future condition of the Refuge. The Plan should provide neighbors and visitors with a clear understanding of Refuge management actions, and it should provide a sound basis for long-term operations, maintenance and capital improvement budget requests.

Please address written comments to: Rydell National Wildlife Refuge, Route 3, P.O. Box 105, Erskine, MN 56535. Comments can also be sent through the Service's Web site for the Rydell National Wildlife Refuge planning project: <http://midwest.fws.gov/planning/rydtop.htm>.

In order for the Planning Team to consider your comments when writing the final plan, we need to hear from you by August 15, 2001. However, comments received after August 15 are welcome and we will consider them in future management decisions.

## Notice of Application for Special Local Need Registration

Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 18B.27 and parts 1505.0880 – 1505.0930, the Minnesota Department of Agriculture is certified to issue Special Local Need registrations.

The MDA has received an SLN application for the following:

Applicant: Griffin L.L.C., Voldasta, GA 31603

Project Location: Any area of Minnesota where sugarbeets are grown.

Project Description: This SLN registration would reduce the pre-harvest interval to seven days when applying Super Tin fungicide to sugarbeets.

This notice is being published by the MDA. The department is not considering holding public hearings on this proposed SLN application.

Comments can be submitted to and additional information obtained from: John C. Sierk, Pesticide Regulatory Consultant, Minnesota Department of Agriculture, Agronomy and Plant Protection Division, 90 West Plato Blvd., St. Paul, MN 55107-2094.

Comment deadline is August 8, 2001.

## Environmental Quality Board Agenda

The Environmental Quality Board meeting agenda can be found at <http://www.mnplan.state.mn.us/eqb/agenda.html>

Please check this site for the time and place of the next EQB board meeting.

## Public Notice-MN DNR Forestry

The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources, Division of Forestry, is planning to aerially apply herbicide on state land totally 2,119 acres on 59 sites. The herbicides will be used to prepare sites for planting trees and to release planted trees from overtopping woody competition. The application of herbicides will occur during the months of July, August and September.

To accomplish these objectives, the following herbicides will be used in the Division of Forestry administrative areas:

Administrative Areas	No. of Sites	Acres	Herbicides
Aitkin	4	2,602	4-D ester (Riverdale LV4)
Cloquet	1	67	Glyphosate (Accord)
Deer River	3	63	Glyphosate (Accord)
Effie	2	33	Suflometuron methyl (Oust)
Grand Marais	4	517	Glyphosate
Hibbing	5	142	Glyphosate (Accord)
Orr	8	188	Glyphosate (Accord), Suflometuron methyl (Oust)
Tower	13	609	Glyphosate (Accord), Sulfometuron methyl (Oust)
Two Harbors	2	34	Glyphosate (Accord), Sulfometuron methyl (Oust), Triclopyr (Garlon 4)
Wannaska	16	179	Glyphosate (Accord)
Warroad	1	27	Glyphosate (Accord)

For further information, please contact Alan Jones, Mn DNR Forestry, 2605 Aga Dr., Alexandria, MN 55744.



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